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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 3733
PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 101.0058-03000
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 5309
Gary K. Michelson)	
Serial No.: 10/802,906)	Group Art Unit: 3733
Filed: March 17, 2004)	Examiner: Richard R. Shaffer
For: ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH)	
LOCKING ELEMENT (AS AMENDED))	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of March 20, 2006, the period for reply having been extended for two (2) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendment to the Title begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendment After Final 8-7-06

Application No. 10/802,906
Amendment dated August 7, 2006
Reply to Office Action of March 20, 2006

Amendment to the Title:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

-- ORTHOPEDIC IMPLANT WITH LOCKING ELEMENT ~~SKELETAL PLATING~~
SYSTEM---